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Applicant: Chung Ho Lam)	
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Title: ELECTROLYSIS PROCESS AND CELL FOR USE IN SAME)	

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated October 6, 2009, in which the examiner required restriction to one of the following inventions:

Group I, claims 1-10, drawn to process for the recovery of metal;

Group II, claims 11-24, drawn to electrolysis cell;

Group III, claim 25, drawn to cathode; and

Group IV, claims 25-29, drawn to mechanism for removing metal.

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Applicant hereby elects, with traverse, Group I as shown in claims 1-10.

It is submitted that at least Groups 1 and 2 are directly related to one another. Group 2, which is directed to an electrolysis cell provides apparatus for the electrolysis process of Group 1. It is further submitted that Group 3, which is directed to the cathode, is a cathode which is specifically usable in the electrolysis process of Group 1, and the cathode of which the electrolysis cell of Group 2 refers.

It is further submitted that Group 4, which is directed to a mechanism for removing metal deposited onto the deposition surface of the cathode, is clearly related to each of Groups 1 to 3 as the mechanism provides a way to recover the metal from the aqueous solution, that is produced in the electrolysis cell and is deposited onto the cathode.

Should any informality remain, the examiner is respectfully requested to phone the undersigned attorney to expedite examination of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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